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SUBJECT: CUSTODY OF CAMBODIAN PROPERTY

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1. FORMER CAMBODIAN CHARGE, CHHUOM CHHIET, REPORTS THAT HE EXPECTS TO DEPART FOR LONDON, WHERE HIS FAMILY IS LIVING, IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. HE MAY SUBSEQUENTLY PURSUE A REQUEST FOR ASYLUM IN THE U.S. FROM LONDON, BUT HE THINKS IT WISE TO PROCEED THERE AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF HIS FAMILY.

2. MEANWHILE, CHARGE HAS RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATION FROM THE NEW CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT AND IS TRYING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CUSTODY OF CAMBODIAN PROPERTY HERE, WHICH CONSISTS MAINLY OF THE FURNISHINGS OF THE OFFICE AND OFFICIAL RESIDENCE. AT PRESENT THESE ARTICLES ARE LOCATED IN THE CHANCERY, ON WHICH THE RENT IS PAID THROUGH MID-JULY. CHARGE ATTEMPTED TO TURN THE ARTICLES OVER TO THE CUSTODY OF THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT, BUT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT HE ATTEMPT TO FIND AN EMBASSY THAT WOULD ACT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA IN THIS

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MATTER. BOTH THE SWISS AND THE FRENCH EMBASSIES HAVE

REFUSED AND THE CHARGE HAS SO REPORTED TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS NOW SUGGESTED TO THE
CHARGE THAT HE ASK THE U.S. EMBASSY TO ASSUME CUSTODY
OF THE ARTICLES. HE ASSUMES THAT WE WILL NOT WISH TO
DO SO BUT NEEDS OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION BEFORE TURNING
THE PROBLEM BACK TO THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT.

4. EMBOFF TOLD CHARGE THAT IS MOST LIKELY THAT
THE USG WOULD WISH TO ASSUME CUSTODY OF THE FURNISHINGS
AS WE HAVE NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW
CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS.
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